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#### BOILED DOWN.

King Sackity of Croboo, West Africa, an important ally of the British, is dead.

The bodies of the twenty-three miners buried June 16, 1890, near Dunbar, Pa., were recovered yesterday and buried.

The Behring sea matter was discussed by the sonate committee of foreign relations at a special meeting and it was decided to recommend the ratification of the treaty.

Late returns from the country parishes in Louisiana indicate that Foster will have a good majority over McEnery. There is great excitement in New Orleans over the result.

Executions for \$135,000 have been entered against the Lehigh iron company. Stagnation of trade and the recent break in prices. are the causes assigned for the embarassment of the company.

A disturbance at Hepburn Collery In Durham, growing out of attempts of striking miners to force the enginemen to strike, occurred yesterday. The rioters were dispersed by the police.

The Roy Wilkes case was decided against the owner, L. A. Davies. The tury found for the defendant, the Kentucky trotting association. Davies sued for the \$3000 won. which was held back to set off a fine. A train was derailed at Sonsonato, Sal-

vador, on the Acajutla railroad. Thirteen persons were killed and thirty-one wounded. It is the most terrible railroad

Paul Romani, vice-president of the Atlauta national bank, and five members of his family were polsoned last night by arsenic placed in the coffee. It is supposed the crime was committed by a discharged servant. All will recover,

Yesterday afternoon at a country schoolhouse near Coalton, Ohio, little Mattic, the only girl pupil in the school, attempted to climb into the school-house through a window when the window sash, like a guillotine, fell on her neck and killed her.

The president will soon fill the vacancy that has existed for the past year in the Japanese mission. He assured Senators Stanford and Pelton of California that he would appoint Mr. Frank Coombs of Napa Cali, to the place. Mr. Coombs is a young Inwyer.

The American National bank of Birmingham, Ala., has gone into liquidation. The bank originally had a capital of \$250,000, which was to a large extent loaned out on securities that depreciated in value. Nobody will suffer unless it be the stock-

Emperor William has written gracious letters to Count Von Zediitz Trutzscheer accepting his resignation and expressing the hope that despite his withdrawal from office the count will always be ready to place his services at the disposal of the empire.

The body of Mather B. Dawson who was drowned in Hutton lake near Laramie, Wyo., was found to-day and identified by clothing. Dawson's life was insured for \$127,000, and \$15,000 was expended in a fruitless search for the body. Indians have a legend that the lake never gives up its fiend.

According to the New York Herald a senator yesterday remarked to its Washington correspondent that Lord Salisbury's note was an insult to the good sense of the American people, "It amounts," he said, "to a practical admission on his lordship's part that he is weary of the subject and If the Harrison administration does not like it they may go to the devil."

The latest report from Taney county, Mo., is to the effect that thirteen men have been arrested charged with being members of the mob which Isnched John Bright and murdered Deputy Sheriff Williams. One of the parties who was accested was found to be severely wounded, supposed by a shot fired by Williams just before he fell. More acrests are expected to follow.

Rev. Philip E. Haln of Watertown, S. D., created a sensation last night by giving a lecture entitled "Talmage and His Tricks." Rev. Halp declared that in ten years Rev. Dr. Talmage had not produced a single new sermon. On March 10, 1878, said Rev. Mr. Halp, Talmage produced a sermon on "Shall We Know Each Other There," in which were thirteen different thoughts from "Habough's Heavenly Recognition," a book published in 1854, He forgot to give credit. In 1878 he preached on "The Midnight Horseman." In 1889 he preached the same sermon, headed "The Moonlight Ride."

Weather changes will probably occur at and within 100 miles of Fort Worth within twenty-four hours before or after sunset of

March 25—Wind changing to west. March 26—Cooler and clearing. March 27-Fair: pleasant. March 29-Warmer. March 30-Storm wave on Fort Worth

March 31-Wind changing. April 1-Cooler; clearing. April 2-Cool and fair.

The Gazette will decline hereafter to print communications which are merely expressive of the writer's opinions. Facts of an interesting nature will be printed, but comments will not be used unless specially solicited.

"It is useless to pass any appropriation to the Columbian exposition while the infamous force bill is pending. We will have no country and no prosperity if that bill is passed, and I will veto any appropriation for the World's fair until all measures to degrade the South are dropped." - Governor Hill to the New York legislature, when the force bill was pending in

THE livestock tariff of the commission seems to have put the railroad managers' teeth on edge.

THE uniform text book bill seems to be steering straight for the shoals between Scylla and Charybdis.

MR. JAY GOULD still tarries at El Paso for his health. Incidentally, he peruses a map of Texas for recreation.

FORT WORTH'S claims upon one of the new courts of appeal are like the bounties of Heaven, too numerous to

HAPPILY there are enough friends of silver in both houses at Washington to pass the Bland bill, even with the loss of one Texas vote.

IF the greatest good to the greatest number is the principle that controls in their location, Fort Worth will get one of the new courts of appeal.

IT is to be seen whether the retirement of the Standard oil trust from business means the retirement of the Standard oil statesmen from politics.

ITALY is to send us another minister. which means that Rudini has about exhausted the fund of political capital at home he found in the Mafia incident.

CANDIDATE CLARK says it would disgrace a barn-yard fowl to associate with Judge Terrell. It is a great play and now is the time to subscribe if you would miss none of the acts.

THE legislature should remember that Dallas has heretofore enjoyed a monopoly of official state favors, and if there is one thing more than another the Texas constitution opposes it is monopolies. -

MORE money or no more money is an isssue. Texas has, it is said, less than \$17,000,000 in her banks and in the pockets of her people to do a yearly business of \$150,000,000. What has she to say on the issue.

THE cause of education will receive disaster that has ever happened in Central a fresh impetus in Texas this year. downfall of demagoguism, the election of Many a man will be moved to subscribe for a daily paper who has been relying, heretofore, upon the almanac for his general information.

> TARIFF reform without financial reform would be like setting a tempting feast before a chained animal. The man who could have bought Texas with a pair of boots, was an unlucky man; he didn't have the boots.

THE GAZETTE is the only morning daily in Texas that now advocates the free coinage of silver, which is to say it is the only one that stands on the time-honored Democratic platform of the state with both feet.

IF Mr. Ogden gets the Federal judgeship made vacant by the promotion of Judge McCormick, the question may occur to Judge Rector: What virtue is there in presiding over a Harrison convention, if some other man catches Harrison's plum.

WHEN Senator Hill withdraws from the race for the presidential nomination the country will hear from him directly. One of Hill's virtues is that he is a plain, blunt man whose intentions may be read without the use of a cipher or a dictionary.

A DALLAS Democratic club has resolved not to deal harshly with its members who persist in voting for independent candidates. It is not desirable, perhaps, to destroy all semblance of a Democratic organization at Dallas by bouncing the remnant.

THE Texas encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic, in session at El Paso, has decided not to affiliate with the colored man and brother. This creates a dilemma which will make it difficult for Billy Chandler to determine what to do with his bazoo.

THE story of Gen. Escobedo that Maximilian proposed surrender for the privilege of escape must, on account of its high origin, be accepted as genuine history. It deepens the tragedy of the unfortunate prince by subtracting from it the courage which alone saves usurpation from the criminal records.

IT would be better at this time to pass no alien land law, but if one is to be passed it is but simple justice to debtors to incorporate an equity of redemption in the clause relating to mortgages. Most states give the unfortunate debtor the benefit of such a just provision. "It does not lessen the security, but tends to prevent speculation upon individual misfortune. The loan companies are usually content to

recover principal and interest, and all other creditors should be so content. Land sold for taxes may be redeemed within two years; there would seem to be no reasonable objection to giving the mortgagor at least one year of grace, with a reasonable forfeit for the failure to meet his obligation upon maturity.

THE indications are that the report of the International investigating committee will go into the legislative waste basket. It cannot be said, however, that the investigation failed to accomplish anything, in view of the lengthy and interesting evidence that it brought out upon the subject of the sale of the Galveston News' influence to the Texas railway pool.

MR. MILLS' change of attitude as to silver has become, it seems, a national issue. Congressman Pierce of Tennessee, in a speech, Wednesday, remarked upon the inconsistency of opposition by him to the Bland bill. Mr. Pierce has probably not heard of the rebuke which has been administered to Judge Reagan for no greater offense than making a speech for silver, or he would be more careful.

#### RIFLE BALLS.

If Terrell's mule should take a stubborn notion to prance down the senatorial track, what sort of an animal has Roger Q. to pit against him?

Gubernatorial argument has about simmered down to "you're 'notifer."

"The greatest campaign in the history of Texas is coming," is the wording of a telegram to an outside paper. Editor Capfield of the Express replies to

the criticisms of his senatorial prophecies by showing that they had a Delphian string Now the anti-administration papers are

claiming the election of Mills as a rebuke of the administration. It was natural it should come to this, With three candidates for congress, one candidate for governor and several possi-

bilities, Waco may be said to be in politics up to her neck. . ! "Give us moral courage," says a contemporary. When an editor yearns for

moral courage it is conclusive proof that he feels himself in the hopeless minority. The Belton bar recommended Hou, N. A. Steadman as assistant professor of law at

the state university, and the Espuela Bulletin warmly urges the appointment as one of eminent fitness. If the campaigns fire gathers as it goes,

the temperature in August will reach fever beat. Senator Potter is paying the penalty of

greatness thrust upon him. He has had to deny ever saying "fool friends" in regard to those who have urged him as a candidate for governor.

### POLITICAL GOSSIP.

The San Antonio Express describes Mr. Chilton's letter of withdrawal as "frank and manly."

The Express thinks "the election of Mr. Mills means the defeat of J. Hogg."

The San Antonio Democrat interprets the election of Senator Mills to mean the Clark and an enunciation by the state convention of a platform that will represent true Democracy.

The Nacogdoches Chronicle questions the consistency of a Farmers' Alliance organ supporting Clark for governor.

The Junction City Clipper looks on this state as a victim of a reciprocity that works both wass. A state policy that defies and threatens capitalists at a time when outside capital is needed for development.

The Greenville Banner esteems Col. R. M. Henderson as a capable and worthy aspirant for the comptrollership.

The Times-Herald cites the case of Bell county, where two years ago the convention disregarded the wishes of the people, and the people elected their choice by 1000 majority as a warning. It advises that the Democratic state committee emphasize that all power is inherent in the people and that in the primaries only can the question of party membership be de-

Lock or no lock, the Corpus Christi Caller believes that Texas would be hon ored by Chief Justice John W. Stayton as governor.

The Greenville Herald finds a trio of in dorsers for Clark, the Newses, the Repub licans and the third party.

Governor Mills to succeed Clark is the way the Denison Herald puts it.

The Hale County Herald suggests George Smith of Colorado City as a suitable West Texas man to represent that section in congress.

## TEXAS NEWS NOTES.

BLOOMING GROVE.—Seventy new sub-ceribers have been added to THE GAZETTE'S scriours have seen adocu to life Gazette's circulation in this city in the past few days; more will follow. A Hogg club was organized here on the Sist with a very large membership. The election of Roger Q. Mills was received here with great enthus lasm. Judge Terrell's Georgetown speech has awakened great interest in this city. BRENHAM .- The Brenham field artillery is in receipt of an invitation to participate in the competitive drill at Omaha next

COMANGUE. - A daily mail is badly needed

from here to Sipe Springs. Canwronn,—C. C. Brooks, president of the Farmers' Alliance at this place, was stricken with apoplexy on the 20th and died in twenty-four hours. W. A. Standi-fer of Fort Worth is visiting in the city. Miss Lena Evans and Johnnis Wynee of Waco are in the city on a visit to H. M. Warren.

CRYRR CREEK .- Very few Clark men are to be found in this city. A literary society was organized here on the 20th.

Espuria.—The oat crop looks most promising. A petition has been directed to the railroad commissioners asking them to exempt the Wichita Valley road from the rulings of the commission as regards GAINESVILLE .- Six candidates are out for

city assessor and collector. Three whisky poddlers were brought down from the Ter-ritory Wednesday morning. GREENVILLE - Hunt county will likely elect two members of the next legislature. An anti-Hogg club has been organized here. A drama written by a young girl of this city will be produced shortly. Houston.—Several big railread officials are circling around Houston for reasons HENDERSON.—Nine candidates are out for tax assessor. The stock law will be en-forced here at an early date.

best known to themselves. The druggists of the Fifth ward have organized a local protective association, but for just what

Nacognocues.—The Alliance cotton yard will close down in a few days, after a good

ason cannot be learned.

Paris.—The city is at present infested with burglars. The second quarterly ex-amination of teachers will take place April

PLAINVIEW .- The hog law election went 81 for, to 1 against. The board of trade of this city will reorganize on April 2.

Parastine. - A Hogg chib was organized here on the 23d with a very large member-SHERMAN .- No marriage licenses have

been issued for some time. Forty-four prisoners are in the county jall. A large number of Republicans of this city will attend the convention of My whites at Dallas on April 12. Dallas on April 12. San Antonio.—Fire insurance agents of this city have notitioned the city council for better fire protection. The river is being cleaned out just south of the city.

THENTON - Monday evening a young man, apparently about eighteen years of age, dressed in pententiary stripes, entered the house of Mrs. E. Leg in the absence of her husband and demanded a suit of clothes, shoes and hat, and under threats of violence he received them, at the same time stating that he was an escaped convict. The same night a near neighbor missed his saddle, horse and bridle, and the supposition is that he also made away with e articles

WOLF CITY .- Robert Stansell, who left this Wolff Citi. - Rocert Stansen, who left this place with cattle a few days since, en route to Collingsworth county, was accidentally killed last Saturday, but just how could not be learned. The acreage of cotton in this vicinity will be reduced 25 per cent. The late freeze will prove very damaging to the

Waco.—The Baylor university of this city has changed hands. The State fireman's association will be held in this city on

Trasca.—The men engaged in boring the artesian well, struck water Monday evening at a depth of 1700 feet. The flow is over 300 gallons per minute, and has a temperature of 94 degs.

Hillsboro is to have waterworks and electric lights. The contract has been let for forty-five hydrants at \$30 each, and \$100 for light for twelve 2000-candle power are lights annually. The fire plugs and electric light poles were located yesterday by the city council.

#### ALL OVER DIXIE.

The annual meeting of the Tennessee press association will be held at Enoxyllle on June 14.

A deaf mute of Winfred, W. Va., named Meadows, while walking about his house on Monday sneezed violently twice and fell dead.

Railroad damage sults are monopolizing the county courts at Atlanta, Ga. A mad dog was killed at Atlanta, Ga., on

Much building is being done at Louis-A number of Minneapolis capitalists are prospecting through Kentucky.

A cut-rate war between Louisville, Ky., and Chicago is anticipated, as the rate is already as low at \$3.

About twenty Alabama jewelers met at Montgomery on the 22nd and organized an Alabama Jewelers' association. "Jack the spitter," a Paducah, Ky., crank delights in spitting in ladies' faces.

The Republican county convention at Greensburg, Ky., indorsed Harrison's administration.

Mrs. Nancy Coyle, age eighty-four, a resident of Georgetown, Ky., committed suicide on the list by hanging. Two boys were sentenced to one year in the reformatory at Atlanta, Ga., on Tues-day for passing counterfeit, coin.

Vegetables and fruit are not damaged as much as first thought by the late cold spell throughout Mississippi.

## TEXAS TURNED LOOSE.

The waterworks system at Hartley is being pushed to completion. The woolen mills at Greenville are run-

A beautiful flow of water has been struck at Dimmit at a depth of 169 feet. Between fifteen and twenty cottages are under construction at Waco.

Marshall is to have a free postal delivery A postoffice has been established at Wil-low Grove.

The waterworks mains of Waco are being The first edition of the new Peoples' party paper at Mt. Pleasant has been assued.

Epworth has a new paper. Several new dwelling houses are under construction at Plainview.

A bank has been organized at Lewisville A number of frame and brick buildings are under construction at Lewisville. Another pottery is soon to be erected at

Preparations are being made to sink an The Tyler fruit-growers' union have been

The University Christian association bullding at Austin will cost \$25,000. Work will commence in thirty days on the new courthouse at San Anton A Fair association is being organized at

Iron ore exists in paying quantities near

## SIFTINGS.

The ninth annual convention of the Young Mens' Christian association of the stat Texas will be held at Dalias ∆pril 14-17. Capt. James McDonough, for thirty-one years chief of police of St. Louis, died last

More seizures of anarchist circulars have been made in Brussels. It is generally conceded that Canadian parliament will not pass a Chinese exclusion act, fearing that it will interfere with

China has sent a vigorous letter of pro-test against exclusion of her subjects from the United States. It is said that Mollien, Herrard and Grey-

rand, directors of the Paris Banque de Chemins de Fer et de l'Industrie, whic failed on Saturday, have fled to America. Several of the members of Balmaceda's congress admitted to ball in Chili are such a wretched condition through pris such a wretched condition through prison abuse that their lives are despaired of.

Charles Kullmann, who shot and wounded Prince Bismarck several years ago and was sentenced to eight years' imprisonment, died last Thursday in the Amberg prison. The cut rate railroad war is on at New

There were 189 deaths and 161 births in Baltimore last week. A fire-proof circus building is to be erected in New York City.

Fourteen persons were poisoned by est-og biscuits at the Exchange hotel, Montrose. Penn. John L. Sullivan and Duncan B. Harri-son sue John W. Barnett, a former partner,

Secretary Foster says that the national finances are in a healthy-cordition. Edward Emmons, the ossified man, died at Port Jefferson, Long Island, N. Y. The Phoenix iron company of Trenton, N.

A man fell off of a nine story building in New York on Monday and walked home,

# COTTON ACREAGE.

Replies to Gazette Ouerries Show it Will be Reduced

# ABOUT 20 PER CENT IN TEXAS.

Farmers Generally in Good Financial Con dition and do Nor Need Advances, Wheat Acreage-What Takes the Place of Cotton

On March 10 THE GAZETTE addressed the following inquiry to its correspondents at leading points in North and West Texas: Is there any decrease in cotton acreage this year in your yicinity, and it ofto what extent! If so, what crops will take the place of cotton? Is there to be an increase in the cotton acreage! State to what ex-tent, and state what other crops will be sacrificed. What amount of land will be cul-tivated in your county this year as compared with last? Is much more land being put in cultivation, and to what extent? What is the condition financially of the farmers of your section, are they well as advances to your section; are they getting advances to

your section; are they getting advances to make a crop!

The replics so far as received, are given in condensed form below:

ATHENS, HENDERSON COUNTY.—No decrease in cotton acreage. About 10 per cent more land in cultivation. Corn increase, 5 per cent. Oat increase, 5 per cent. Farm-

ers in very good condition.

Anson, Jones County.—Cotton acreage will showle decrease of about 181% per cent. Wheats, oats and corn will increase proportionately. About 381% per cent more land in cultivation. Very few farmers have asked for advances, being in a very good

ARILENE, TAYLOR COUNTY .- Owing to immigration into the Abilene country 100 per cent more land will be put into cultivation. The cotton acreage will acrease 100 per cent. The condition of farmers is un-

AUSTIN, TRAVIS COUNTY.-Decrease in cotton acreage fully 60 per cent. Small grain and vegetables will take its place. BROWNWOOD, BROWN COUNTY.—This beng a new and growing country, all acre age will be increased except whicht, which is decreased 20 per cent. Oats takes its place. Cotton increase, 5 per cent. Corn increase, 30 per cent. Ten to 15 per cent more land in cultivation. Farmers in good condition.

BELTON, BELL COUNTY .- Decrease of cot-BELTON, BELL COUNTY.—Decrease of colton acreage about 20 per cent. Corn. cats
and sorghum will take its place. Farmers
are in very good condition.
Big Springs, Howard County.—About
same acreage of cotton as last year. Farmers in very good condition.
CLEBCUNE, JOHNSON COUNTY.—Fifty per

cent decrease in cotton acreage. Oats will take its place. Cultivation of land about the same as last year. The financial condition of farmers is fine.

CORSICANA. NAVARRO COUNTY.—About 20

per cent decrease in cotton acreage. Corn, outs and millet will show an increase, proportionally. About 5 per cent increase in the cultivation of new lands. Some few farmers are getting advances to make a CLARENDON, DONLET COUNTY.—No cotton

Clarendon, Donley County.—No cotton is raised in this county, as wheat is a much better paving product. The acreage of whoat will be from 1000 to 1200 per cent greater than any previous year. At least 1000 per cent more land is being cultivated. Farmers in an excellent condition.

Comanche, Comanche County.—Very little decrease in cotton acreage. Corn and sorghum will show a light increase.

Canton, Van Zandt County.—Decrease in cotton acreage 10 to 20 per cent, corn, oats and wheat taking its place. Cultivation of land about the same as last year. Farmers in very good condition.

Claresville! Red River County.—A small decrease in cotton acreage. Farmers

small decrease in cotton acreage. Farmers in very good condition.

Carthage, Panola County.—Decrease

CARTHAGE, PANOLA COUNTY.—Decrease in cotton acreage of about 25 per cent. Corn and oats will take its place. No increase in the cultivation of land. Farmers are in very good financial circumstances.

DENISON, GRAYSON COUNTI.—The decrease in the acreage of cotton will exceed 25 per cent. Small grain will be substituted. Farmers spend most of their time in raising cattle and hogs for the Fort Worth market. Farmers in moderate financial condition. financial condition. DENTON, DENTON COUNTY.—Very small decrease in cotton acreage. Corn and oats take its place. Small increase in the culivation of land. Few farmers are asking

EMORY, RAINS COUNTY .- Decrease in coton acreage 50 per cent. Corn and osts will ake its place. About 10 per cent more land s being put in cultivation. EASTLAND COUNTY.—The acre-

age of wheat will be a little smaller than last year. All other crops about the same

EL PASO, EL PASO COUNTY. - Not a cotton raising acction. No increase in land cul-tivation. Farmers well fixed.

EMMA, CROSHY COUNTY.—Not a cotton producing country. 100 per cent more land in cultivation. Farmers are in a very good

condition and not asking advances,

FRANKLIN, ROBBETSON COUNTY.—About 20 per cent decrease in cotton acreage. Corn and oats will take its place. About 2 er cent more land in cultivation. About ne-twentieth of our farmers are obtaining FAIRFIELD, FREESTONE COUNTY .- Small

decrease in cotton acreage. No increase in the cultivation of land. Farmers in very had financial condition. GILMER, UPSHER COUNTY.—Decrease in acreage of cotton about 5 per cent. Farmers

in very good condition. GREENVILLE HUNT COUNTY.—Decrease in acreage of outton 25 per cent. Corn and oats take its place. About ten per cent more land in cultivation. Farmers are in a fairly good condition.

GAINESVILLE, COOKE COUNTY.—Cotton acreage reduced 50 per cent: 10 per cent more land in cultivation. With few ex-ceptions farmers are in very good condi-GRAHAM, YOUNG COUNTY.—Decrease in wheat cacreage about 50 per cent; acreage of cotton about the same as last year.

Some farmers are requiring small GLEN ROSE, SOMERVELL COUNTY .- Decrease in cotton acreage, 25 per cent. Outs and corn substituted. Cultivation of land about the same as last year.

GATESVILLE, CORYELL COUNTY. - Decrease in cotton acreage, 20 per cent. Wheat and corn takes its place. Increase in outs 100 per cent. Small increase in cultivation of land. Farmers in much better condition than lest town. an last year.

Hillsnone, Hill County,—There will be a decrease in the acreage of cotton of about 20 per cent. An increase in cats, millet and sorghum of about 20 per cent. About 10 per

sorgania of about 20 per cent. About 10 per cent more land in cuttivation. Farmers, financially, are in a very good condition.

HURBARD CITY, HILL COUNTY.—Decrease in cotton acreage, 20 per cent. Largest grain crop being planted over known in this visibility. HASKELL, HASKELL COUNTY,-The acre-

age of cotton will be about the same as last year. About 100 per cent more land in cul-tivation. Farmers are in very fair condi-

in cotton acreage about 25 per cent. Rib-bon cane and sorghum will take its place. Farmers not in very good condition. Kaufman, Kaufman County.—The acreage of all crops will be about the same as last year. But little more land being put in cultivation. Farmers in very bad con-

LONGVIEW, GREGO COUNTY .- Decrease in cotton acreage 25 per cent. Oats and corn will take its place. LAREDO, WHUR COUNTY,-There will be a decrease in the acreage of cotton, but to what extent cannot be ascertained. The land sacrificed to the cotton crop will be put into vegetables, corn and grapes. Much more land will be put in cultivation. No

farmers are getting advances on their LINDEN, CASS COUNTY.-Twenty per cent ecrease in cotton acreage. Corn increase,
per cent. No increase in cultivation
he condition of farmers is somewhat bad.
LOCKHART, CALDWELL COUNTY.—An in-

crease in the cotton acreage of about 20 per cent. At the very least 10 per cent more land will be in cultivation. The condition of farmers is very good; very few asking

MENARDVILLE, MENARD COUNTY.-De. crease in the acreage of cotton of about 40 per cent. The decrease in the acreage of cotton will be planted in corn and oats. Five per cent more land in cultivation. Financial condition of farmers is good.

McKINNET, COLLIN COUNT.—Decrease in cotton acrease 25 per cent. Increase

in cotton acreage 25 per cent. Increase in out acreage 20 per cent. Other small grains

MONTAGUE, MONTAGUE COUNTY .- De. crease in cotton acreage of about 25 per cent. Decrease in corn and cat crop 40 per cent. Farmers are putting their time to

cent. Farmers are putting their time to stock raising. Farmers in much better con-dition than last year.

MERINIAN, BOSQUE COUNTY.—About 5 per cent decrease in cotton acreage. About 3 per cent more land cultivated. Farmers only in fair condition, with few getting ad-NEVADA, COLLIN COUNTY.—Decrease in cotton acreage 33% per cont. Farmers are dependent on their corn and out crop.

Palo Pinto, Palo Pinto Count.—Da. crease in the acreage of cotton 30 per cent. Increase in oats of 10 per cent. Corn increase, 25 per cent. Farmers in very favor, able condition. crease, 20 per cent. Farmers in very favor-able condition.

PLAINVIEW. HALE COUNTY.—Cotton acreage will show a very small increase. 150 to 175 per cent more land in cultivation. Condition of farmers very good.

Paris, Lamas County.—Ten per cent. in-

rease in cotton acreage. Farmers are in air condition.
PITTSBURG, CAMP COUNTY,—Cotton acre.

age, 20 per cent decrease. Corn and onta proportional increase. About five per cent, more land in cultivation. Farmers getting advances about same as last year. Porrsuono, Gratson County. - Decrease in cotton acreage 30 per cent. Oats taking

its place.

QUANAH, HARDEMAN COUNTY.—All acreage will be increased, cotton especially, as the crop of last year was an experimental one, which proved a success. The financial condition of farmers is only fair. Much more land is being put in cultivation.

SNIDER, SCHREY COUNTY.—The increase in the cotton acreage is 100 per cent. Oats 100 per cent. Wheat ten times greater than last year. One thousand per cent more land in cultivation, accounted for by the immense immigration to this country. Farmers are in very good financial condition.

SULPHUR SPRINGS, HOPRING COUNTY .-Shiffith Spains, Revision will be about the same as last year. There will be no increase in the cultivation of land. Farmers are in very good financial condition.

SAN SABA, SAN SABA COUNTY .- Owing to much immigration the cotton crop of this year will be greater than that of last year. Corn acreage will be about the same. But few farmers are in need of advances. TERRELL, KAUPMAN COUNTY.—Decrease

in cotton crop 15 per cent. Corn and oats will take its place. Small increase of land in cultivation. Farmers in very good con. WACO, McLENNAN COUNTY .- There will be a decrease in the cotton acreage of from 5 to 10 per cent. Outs and corn will take its place. From 2 to 5 per cent more land in cultivation. Condition of farmers only

WEATHERFORD, PARKER COUNTY .- The

acreage of cotton will show a decrease of about 25 per cent. Grain and cereals will take its place. Very little more land is be-ing put in cultivation. Farmers are only in a fair condition. BRADY, MCCULLOCH COUNTY.—There is Brady, McCulloch County.—There is no decrease in the acreage of cotton in this vicinity but an increase of at least 30 or 40 per cent. Other crops are not sacrificed on this account but this increase is due to the increase of acreage of new lands put in cultivation. So far as can be learned there will be an increase of acreage of cotton throughout the geometry of about 20 per cent. There is a great deal of new land being put in cultivation in this immediate vicinity, and all over the county takeng as a whole the average increase will perhaps reach 20 per cent. Farmers [are in good condition financially and very little is being advanced to them to make crops.

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THEOCEMORTON, THEOCEMORTON COUNTY.

—There will be a small increase in acreage of cotton in this county. There is very lit-tle cotton planted in the county, small grain being the principal product.

#### Was a Mass-Meeting. Editor Gazette. DE LEON, TEX., March S4.

inst, I find the following misleading ment: "It is significant that the first county to speak officially on the subject of the governorship, Comanche, declares for one of Tar Gazarra's possibilities, Congressman Lanham." Now, the fact of the business is, the mass-meeting which in-dersed Col. Lanham for governor was not called by the authority of the Democratic party. The meeting was called by "Many Democrats," who issued a call through the Commande Chief on the 12th inst. for the mass-meeting on the 19th, thus giving the people only a few days to meet and elect delegates. The weather was extremely bad between the 12th and 19th, and we have not heard of a single precinct holding a conven-tion. The DeLeon precinct represents about 600 votes and not a delegate from this section was present. The Comanche pro-cinct furnished the number who indorses Lapham and not the county. Mr. Lapham is not a candidate, as our people have ever heard, and we think the mass-meeting rather premature. It was not called by the authority of the party in this county and is, therefore, an illegitimate offsp JOHN J. SWITZER

Editor Gazette. THE PRESS. THE PULPIT, THE PLATFORM, THE PREACHER. THE PARENT. THE PROPLE,
AND PADDOCE.
But the friend—the leader—the greates!

### of all these (three times three) is B. B. Paddock. FLOYDADA.

The Way the Country is Prospering about this County Seat.

Correspondence of the Gazette. FLOYDADA, TEX., March 21.-District court at this place just adjourned. Among Texas vs. Silas Berry, charged with burglary and theft, found guilty and sentenced to a six-year/term in the peniteritary, who will be the first representative of Floyd county to that institution.

The new courthouse, at a cost of \$5000, is result, completed and will be soon occupied.

by the county officials.

Stock has wintered very well, though there has been some losses during the re-cent cold spell. Wheat prospects are flat-tering, considering it is mostly on sod or first years' land. The Central plains, of which Floyd county constitutes a part, are fast settling up with a class of immigrants who seem

nearly completed and will be soon occupied

etermined to convert what was once rec determined to convert what was once recognized as a part of the "Great American
Desert" into a fine farming country. Prospectors have continued to come during the
winter and a rush of immigration is expected in the spring.

Fort Worth should be making efforts to
extend the "Albonerous" for some other

extend the "Albuquerque," or some other road, into this fine territory before it is penetrated from some other direction by some other road, as this wast territory between the Texas and Pacific and Fort Worth and Denver roads is greatly in need of tempsycritation, facilities, and a milroad. of transportation facilities, and a railroad will undoubtedly be built through some portion of this territory in the near future, mmission or no commission.

Special to the Gazette. HARTLEY, HARTLEY COUNTY, TEX., March 23.—The sheriff of this county yesterday attached a locomotive and tender, chaining them to the track, because taxes had not been paid. In an hour the bill was settled